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FOR Farm Family of the weekDATE Fri. Dec. 14, 1956

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CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM 1
HOUSE

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY AGENT, O.O. SWORDS, ASSOCIATE AGENT DAVID STANBORD AND ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. GEORGIA TRAMEL, FOR THEIR VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WE ARE ABOUT TO SALUTE AND IN GOING WITH ME TO THE FARM TO OBTAIN THE STORY. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. MARVIN COURTNEY OF BASSFIELD, MISSISSIPPI, IN JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY. MR. AND MRS. MARVIN COURTNEY BOTH GREW UP ON A FARM WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THEIR PRESENT HOME. MARVIN GREW UP WITHIN A MILE AND MRS. COURTNEY GREW UP IN THE GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY ABOUT TEN MILES AWAY. THEY ATTENDED SCHOOL TOGETHER IN BASSFIELD. MRS. COURTNEY WAS ONE OF 13 CHILDREN AND MARVIN WAS ONE OF TEN CHILDREN. THEY WERE MARRIED 31 YEARS AGO AND STARTED RIGHT OUT FARMING ON 40 ACRES WHICH MARVIN'S FATHER GAVE HIM. THEY LIVED ON MARVIN'S OLD HOME PLACE UNTIL LAST APRIL WHEN THEY MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOME. THE MOVE WAS MADE BECAUSE MRS. COURTNEY NEEDED MORE ROOM IN HER HOUSE AND BECAUSE MARVIN NEEDED MORE PASTURE AND THEY WANTED TO BE IN A LOCATION MORE CONVENIENT TO TOWN. THIS FINE HOME WAS ORIGINALLY AN OLD TENNANT HOUSE

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SLIDE FARM-2
BARN

SLIDE FARM-3
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-4
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-5
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-6
COW & CALF

WHICH THEY COMPLETELY RE-BUILT INTO THIS COMPLETELY MODERN HOME YOU SEE TODAY. WHEN MARVIN COURTNEY STARTED FARMING FOR HIMSELF 31 YEARS AGO HE HAD A COW AND A MULE AND RAISED CORN AND COTTON. TODAY HE IS COMPLETELY MECHANIZED AND FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS HE HAS BEEN IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS. MARVIN COURTNEY GREW INTO THE CATTLE BUSINESS. ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO MARVIN COURTNEY STARTED BUYING AND SELLING A FEW CATTLE AS HE COULD FIND THEM. HE DID THIS FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS AND DURING THE TIME HE KEPT SAVING THE BEST HEIFERS AND ADDING THEM TO HIS GROWING HERD. TODAY HE HAS 100 HEAD OF CATTIE, ABOUT 75 OF THEM BROOD COWS. ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO MARVIN COURTNEY DECIDED IF HE WAS GOING TO STAY IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS HE NEEDED TO DO SOME HERD IMPROVEMENT WORK SO HE STARTED ADDING SOME REGISTERED STOCK. HE ATTENDED DISPERSION SALES AND BOUGHT REGISTERED HEREFORDS WHEN HE COULD FIND BARGAINS. HE FOLLO A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM AND SELLS MOST OF HIS CALVES AS MILK FAT CALVES RIGHT OFF THE COW. HOWEVER, HE DOES FEED OUT ABOUT 20 HEAD OF LATE CALVES ON HOME GROWN GRAIN. ALL CATTLE GET SOME GRAIN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. HE

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SLIDE FARM-7
BULLS

SLIDE FARM-8
CALVES

SLIDE FARM-9
CALVES

SLIDE FARM-10
TRACTORS

CREEP FEEDS ALL HIS CALVES AND CALFHOOD VACCINATES. HIS HERD IS BANGS AND TB TESTED. CALVES ON FEED GET CRUSHED CORN AND ALL CATTLE GET HAY FREE CHOICE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS MARVIN COURTNEY HAS BEEN BREEDING HIS CATTLE TO REGISTERED BULLS. HE IS STILL DEBATING WHETHER TO GO TO A COMPLETELY REGISTERED HERD AND WILL NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON IT UNTIL HE SEES A FEW MORE YEARS OF PRODUCTION RESULTS FROM HIS PRESENT PROGRAM. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING MARVIN COURTNEY HAS BEEN SAVING HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT AND BELIEVE ME HE HAS SOME FINE ONES IN THE HERD TODAY. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 25 HEAD OF REGISTERED CATTLE IN THE HERD. BY THE WAY, MARVIN COURTNEY GOT SOME OF HIS REGISTERED STOCK THROUGH ONE OF THE BOYS' FFA PROJECTS. HE CULLS HIS HERD CLOSE AND GETS ABOUT AN 85% CALF CROP. PERMANENT GRAZING CONSISTS OF 100 ACRES OF MERMUDA, BAHAI, CRIMSON CLOVER, COMMON LESPEDEZA, CARPET AND DALLIS GRASS. HE ROTATES HIS GRAZING AND CARRIES ABOUT A COW AND A HALF TO TO THE ACRE. HE NITRATES AND LIMES HIS PASTURES AND CLIPS THEM REGULARLY FOR WEED CONTROL. TEMPORARY GRAZING CONSISTS OF ABOUT 40 ACRES OF

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<p>SLIDE <u>FARM-11</u> CORN FIELD</p> <p>SLIDE <u>FARM-12</u> GEESE</p>	<p>OATS WHICH ARE GRAZED UNTIL MARCH AND THEN TEN ACRES ARE COMBINED AND THE REST ARE CUT IN THE DOUGH STAGE FOR HAY. MARVIN COURTNEY PUTS UP ABOUT 1500 BALES OF HAY EACH YEAR AND IN ADDITION TO OATS HE PUTS UP ALICE CLOVER FOR HAY. TWO OF MARVIN'S BOYS ARE STILL WORKING WITH THEIR DAD AT HOME ON THEIR 400 ACRES OF FARM LAND AND ALL WORK IS DOEN WITH MACHINERY. MARVIN COURTNEY AND HIS BOYS TRY TO GET EVERY ACRE INTO THE CROP FOR WHICH IT IS BEST SUITED. THEY TEST THEIR SOIL AND FERTILIZE ACCORDING TO SOIL NEEDS. MARVIN COURTNEY STILL PRODUCES CORN TO FEED HIS CATTLE. HE PUTS OUT ABOUT 50 ACRES OF CORN AND IT MAKES ABOUT 40 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. HE FEEDS ALL OF HIS CORN. HERE WE SEE MR. COURTNEY AND ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT STANFORD INSPECTING THIS YEAR'S CORN CROP. MARVIN COURTNEY STILL RAISES SOME COTTON TOO. THIS YEAR HE HAD 41 ACRES. IT USUALLY MAKES ABOUT A BALE TO THE ACRE BUT THIS YEAR THE WEATHER AND THE INSECTS COMBINED CUT IT TO HALF A BALE. BY THE WAY HE KEEPS THIS FLOCK OF GEESE FOR WEED CONTROL IN THE COTTON FIELDS. THE ONLY ADDITIONAL LABOR HIRED ON THE FARM IS FOR COTTON PICKING AND CHOPPING. MR. AND MRS. MARVIN COURTNEY ENROLLED IN THE BALANCED FARM AND</p>

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SLIDE FARM-13
GARDEN

SLIDE FARM-14
FREEZER

SLIDE FARM-16
FOOD

SLIDE FARM-15
KITCHEN

HOME PROGRAM IN 1955. MRS. TRAMEL, THE ASSOCIATE HOME AGENT AND MR. STANFORD, THE ASSOCIATE COUNTY AGENT ARE QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT THE COURTNEY'S WERE ON A GOOD PROGRAM WHEN THEY ENROLLED AND THAT THEIR PRIMARY GOALS WERE A NEW HOUSE AND LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT. THE HOUSE IS COMPLETED AND THE LIVESTOCK PROGRAM IS ALREADY GREATLY IMPROVED. FOOD IS EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT TO THE COURTNEY FAMILY AS IS THE LIVESTOCK AND CROP PROGRAM. THEY HAVE ABOUT A HALF ACRE OF GARDEN SPACE AND ANOTHER HALF ACRE OF TRUCK PATCHES FROM WHICH MRS. COURTNEY ~~NAME~~ ABOUT 2,000 POUNDS OF FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND MEAT. THEY PUT ABOUT 700 POUNDS OF PORK IN THE FREEZER EACH YEAR. MRS. COURTNEY CANS IN JARS ANOTHER 200 QUARTS OF PICKLES, TOMATOES, PEACHES AND SO FORTH. MRS. COURTNEY HAS AN EXCELLENT FOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND IS ABLE TO PUT UP MOST OF THE FOOD THE FAMILY NEEDS DURING A YEAR, OUTSIDE OF THE STAPLES OF COURSE. MRS. COURTNEY HAS A COMPLETELY MODERN KITCHEN. IN FACT HER WHOLE HOUSE IS COMPLETELY MODERN. ONE OF THE THINGS THE FAMILY ENJOYS MOST IS THEIR NEW BATHROOM. THEY DIDN'T HAVE ONE IN THE OTHER HOUSE. MRS. COURTNEY HAD A VERY BEAUTIFUL YARD AT THE HOME FROM WHICH THEY

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SLIDE FARM 17
TWO WOMEN

CAMERA ON FAMILY

MOVED AND ONE OF HER FIRST PROJECT AT HER NEW HOME WILL BE TO COMPLETELY LANDSCAPE HER YARD. IN FACT, MR. HENRY J. SMITH, EXTENSION HORTICULTURIST FROM STATE COLLEGE IS DRAWING A LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR THEM AND THEY WILL GET STARTED ON IT IN THE SPRING. MRS. COURTNEY WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH ASSOCIATE HOME AGENT. MRS. GEORGIA TRAMEL IN CARRYING OUT HER HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND I CAN WELL IMAGINE THIS SCENE HAS BEEN REPEATED MANY TIMES OVER SINCE MR. AND MRS. MARVIN COURTNEY ENROLLED IN THE BALANCED FARM AND HOME PROGRAM. MRS. AND MRS. COURTNEY ARE NOT ONLY BUILDING A SOUND FARM PROGRAM BUT THEY ARE ALSO HARD WORKERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY HELPING THEIR NEIGHBORS TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND RAISE A FAMILY. THE COURTNEY FAMILY ARE MEMBERS OF AND ACTIVE IN THE BASSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE MRS. COURTNEY TEACHES IN THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MR. COURTNEY IS A DEACON. THEY ARE FARM BUREAU MEMBERS AND MR. COURTNEY WAS AT ONE TIME A SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL. MRS. COURTNEY DEVOTES MOST OF HER TIME TO HER HOME AND HER FAMILY. SHE LOVES TO COOK AND LIKES

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TO GROW BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS. ALL THE BOYS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN 4-H CLUB WORK AND FFA WORK AND HAVE PARTICIAPTED IN THE JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING AND DEMONSTRATION WORK. NOW, LET'S MEET THIS FINE FAMILY AND LET THEM TELL US MORE OF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

1. WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST THING YOU HAVE DONE ON THE FARM?
2. DO YOU GROW ANY TIMBER?
3. DO YOU DO ANY TIMBER IMPROVEMENT WORK?
4. HOW DO YOU SUPPLY WATER FOR YOUR LIVESTOCK?
5. DO YOU PLAN TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF YOUR HERD ANY?
6. WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT HOME DOING?
7. DO YOU HAVE ANY GRANDCHILDREN?
8. WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST THING IN YOUR HOME MAKING PROGRAM?
9. WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?
10. ASK BOYS ABOUT THEIR PLANS.